

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-30 (Cancelled)

31. (New) A complete meal for a pet comprising:
at least one piece of pet food having a caloric content of between 80 to 800 kcal and a weight between 25-350 grams;
each piece having a longitudinal shape and a cross sectional shape, with a length greater than 0.75 cm and a cross sectional area in the range of 3.0 to 18.0 cm²;
wherein between one and ten pieces provide a complete meal that includes the complete daily nutritional requirements of the animal.
32. (New) The complete meal of claim 31, wherein the at least one piece of pet food is selected from a group consisting of an extra small piece, a small piece, a medium piece, and a large piece.
33. (New) The complete meal of claim 32, wherein the extra small piece weighs about 30 grams, the small piece weighs about 70 grams, the medium piece weighs about 140 grams and the large piece weighs about 235 grams.
34. (New) The complete meal of claim 31, wherein the length is between 6-16 cm and the cross-sectional area is between 3.2 to 12.9 cm².
35. (New) The complete meal of claim 31, wherein each piece has about 1.4 to 8.4 Kcalories per gram, a caloric density of about 1.8 to 11.1 Kcal/cm³ and a caloric content between 20 to 2500 calories per piece.

36. (New) The complete meal of claim 33, wherein each small piece weighing about 70 will provide the complete daily nutritional requirements for up to about each 7.5 pounds of the animal's weight.
37. (New) The complete meal of claim 33, wherein each medium piece weighing about 140 grams will provide the complete daily nutritional requirements for up to about each 12 pounds of the animal's weight.
38. (New) The complete meal of claim 33, wherein each large piece weighing about 235 grams will provide the complete daily nutritional requirements for up to about each 33 pounds of the animal's weight.
39. (New) The complete meal claim 31, wherein each piece is comprised of two components, an outer component and an inner component.
40. (New) The complete meal of claim 39, wherein the inner and outer component can differ from a quality selected from the group consisting of hardness, brittleness, toughness, density, caloric density, texture, composition, calories per gram, color and any combination thereof.
41. (New) The complete meal of claim 31, wherein the product has a protein content in the range of 18 to 65 wt%, a carbohydrate content in the range of 30 to 70 wt%, a fat content in the range of 3 to 20 wt% and a fiber content in the range of 0 to 10 wt%.
42. (New) The complete meal of claim 31, wherein each piece has a brittleness value in the range of 430 to 1160 mm.

43. (New) The complete meal of claim 31, wherein each piece has a toughness value in the range of 0.5 to 5.5 Work.
44. (New) The complete meal of claim 31, wherein each piece has a hardness value in the range of 70 to 520 Max Force.
45. (New) A method of feeding an animal comprising the step of:
 - feeding an animal at least one piece of pet food;
 - the at least one piece having a caloric content of between 80 to 800 kcal and a weight between 25-350 grams;
 - each piece having a longitudinal shape and a cross sectional shape, with a length greater than 0.75 cm and a cross sectional area in the range of 3.0 to 18.0 cm²;
 - wherein between one and ten pieces provide a complete meal that includes the complete daily nutritional requirements of the animal.
46. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein the length of the pet food allows the at least one piece to be held by an animal's paws during consumption of the pet food by the animal.
47. (New) The complete meal of claim 45, wherein the at least one piece of pet food is selected from a group consisting of an extra small piece, a small piece, a medium piece, and a large piece.
48. (New) The complete meal of claim 47, wherein the extra small piece weighs about 30 grams, the small piece weighs about 70 grams, the medium piece weighs about 140 grams and the large piece weighs about 235 grams.

49. (New) The method of feeding of claim 45, wherein the length is between 6-16 cm and the cross-sectional area is between 3.2 to 12.9 cm².
50. (New) The method of feeding of claim 45, wherein each piece has about 1.4 to 8.4 Kcalories per gram, a caloric density of about 1.8 to 11.1 Kcal/cm³ and a caloric content between 20 to 2500 calories per piece.
51. (New) A complete meal for a pet comprising:
at least one piece of pet food having a caloric content of between 80 to 800 kcal and a weight between 25-350 grams;
the pet food having a length that allows the at least one piece to be held by an animal's paws during consumption of the pet food by the animal;
wherein between one and ten pieces provide a complete meal that includes the complete daily nutritional requirements of the animal.
52. (New) The complete meal of claim 51, wherein each piece has a longitudinal shape and a cross sectional shape, with a length greater than 0.75 cm and a cross sectional area in the range of 3.0 to 18.0 cm².
53. (New) The complete meal of claim 52, wherein , wherein the length is between 6-16 cm and the cross-sectional area is between 3.2 to 12.9 cm².
54. (New) A complete meal for a pet comprising:
at least one piece of pet food having a caloric content of between 80 to 800 kcal and a weight between 25-350 grams;
each piece having a brittleness value in the range of 430

to 1160 mm;

wherein between one and ten pieces provide a complete meal that includes the complete daily nutritional requirements of the animal.